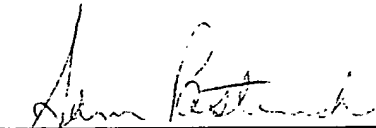


Remarks

Applicants submit the present Preliminary Amendment, which addresses the claim misnumbering the Examiner brought to our attention. The new claim adds no new matter, being identical to the second claim "26" that was canceled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for entrance of the present Amendments and consideration of the Remarks. Applicants understand that the addition of the claim results in the need to pay a supplemental claim fee (small entity). Please charge that and any other fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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